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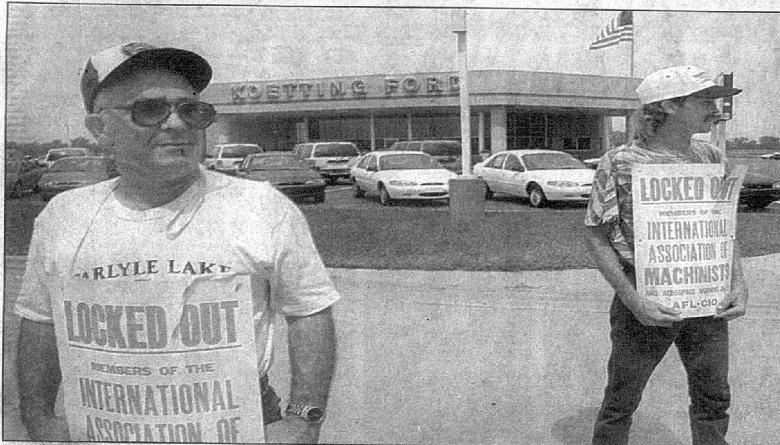
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Gale Lurkins, left, and Todd Hill were among those picketing at Koetting Ford.

Strike keeps some shops idle

By Larry Ingram
Correspondent

If you drive down Illinois 3 in Granite City, nothing seems out of the ordinary until you pass Wal-Mart.

Members of District 9 Machinists Union Local 1000, who ordinarily be fixing cars at Weber Chevrolet and Koetting Ford, are standing outside the dealerships on the picket line.

The machinists have been off work since July 1, 1998. Their contract expired April 3.

The strike is keeping service areas clean and quiet.

"Nobody's working in the shop. I have no porters, no mechanics,"

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Tony Phillips

said Tony Phillips, service manager for Weber Chevrolet. "They're all union, and they're all on strike. They all crossed the picket lines."

"I just wish it was over," Phillips said. "We've got a lot of people who don't have their cars worked on by us."

Issues in contract negotiations are employee pay and whether health

care benefits will be chosen by the union or by a health care provider chosen by each dealership.

Representatives for the machinists union and for the St. Clair-Madison County Dealers Association could not be reached for comment.

"The last contract we had was a four-year contract. This is a three-year contract," said one striking machinist, who wished to remain anonymous.

"I think you have the dealers, you have the union, and you have the union, and we have three agendas here. Maybe you can get two of them together, but you can't

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Chouteau Island ruling may draw appeal from Haine

MADISON COUNTY

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said his office is still considering whether to appeal the annexation of Chouteau Island by the city of Madison.

On July 22, the annexation of more than 600 acres on Chouteau Island — including the Chain of Rocks Landfill and the Chouteau Marina — was upheld when Circuit Judge John DeLaurenti dismissed a suit challenging the constitutionality of the law that enabled the city to annex the land.

"We have not made a decision whether to appeal it at this point," Haine said. "There are a number of considerations. Part of the consideration is not only the opinion of the County Board, but the opinions of Madison, Granite City and even Venice because each of them is affected."

The State's Attorney's office has approximately 30 days to file an appeal with the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon, but that time can be extended.

"We'll probably extend the time to appeal by filing a motion to reconsider," Haine said.

At the time he announced his decision, DeLaurenti said he saw "potential problems" with the legislation and was not "terribly excited" about the way it was written. But DeLaurenti said Assistant State's Attorney

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State's attorney

Nelson Metz did not provide enough evidence to overturn the pre-emptive action, so the action was valid.

In October 1996 the city of Madison annexed approximately 640 acres on the lower half of Chouteau Island. The actual annexations involved eight individual tracts of land all owned by West Management Inc.

Later, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine filed a complaint seeking to block that annexation, saying the action was unconstitutional.

The case had been delayed since December because DeLaurenti had been ill.

DeLaurenti entered a directed verdict in favor of the city after about four hours of arguments by Metz and Madison City Attorney Casper Nighoossian.

In his arguments for the dismissal, Nighoossian said both statute and case law gave the state's attorney's

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Day in the park — David Ray, a grounds crew member, pulls weeds in Wilson Park. For other photographs of the park, see People, Page 1C.

Madison nabs 14-acre tract

Land would include proposed bridge and relocated Illinois 3

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A 14-acre tract of land in the former National City area was purchased and annexed by the city of Madison Tuesday.

The property, which had been owned by AmerenUE, is in the area of the intersection of the proposed new Mississippi River bridge and the relocated Illinois 3.

In a series of votes, the council approved a resolution to induce the purchase of the property — allowing

the city to use tax increment financing funds to pay the \$42,000 price; an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the property; accepting annexation petition for the property; and an ordinance to change the zoning.

As part of the agreement, AmerenUE will keep easement rights on the property, which will come in zoned B-1.

Mayor John Hamm said he was pleased by the action.

"It moves us forward into the annexation areas of

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Deal offers tax break for jobs

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Lanter Corp. is close to finalizing a deal with Granite City to expand the company's facilities in the Northgate Industrial Park with a guarantee of 60 new jobs in exchange for tax breaks.

Lanter representatives are expected to meet again Friday with city officials to iron out the details of the expansion of their facility on Illinois 3, said Brian Brown, Granite City economic development director.

"They guarantee 60 jobs and maintain that level (every year) and we rebate taxes for eligible expenses," Brown said.

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Brown explained the local warehouse company wants to expand its existing 100,000 square foot building by another 350,000 square feet. The expansion would take place on property Lanter already owns.

However, that property is outside the existing tax increment financing district in place at parts of Northgate. Other, already developed property in Northgate was taken out of the financing district, he said.

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Grant will help schools cope with population shift

By Larry Ingram
Correspondent

A state grant for \$3,666,888 translates into improvements to four Granite City schools.

The state's Capital Development Board awarded the school construction grant, which District 9 officials will use for construction of additions to a middle and two elementary schools and renovations to one middle school.

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OPINION

Memo to board: Don't strip home of its character

Cynicism isn't an attitude to which most of us aspire.

I know I don't, but each passing day and year, I find myself more and more suspicious of the motives and virtues of the community. I sometimes wonder about some of my own, to be honest.

Age and experience have taught me that many people's personalities are temporary at best, and I certainly don't expect any in the matter of the Madison County Board's decision to close the operation of the county nursing home and shelter care home.

No matter what the recommendation that will be made tomorrow by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, the two will close in November. The state board has no legal authority to same the county, if the two are closed and the county cannot despite a report from the Illinois Department of Health, which will be presented to the Health Facilities group opposing closing the shelter care facility, that the grounds that there are insufficient beds in the area to accommodate the present 43 residents.

Even though nearly 500 residents proposed the closings during a mid-July meeting and an opposition group presented about 9,000 petitions asking that the two facilities continue open, the Health Facilities Board has refused to consider or even discuss alternatives to closure and refused to vote again on the matter, despite the fact that the original board vote was almost tie 15-12.

For the record, back in March, I was among those who voted for the \$6.5 million to construct a new facility on land the county already owns, the current site of the nursing home on Troy Road. I made it clear to the Health Facilities group that the present structures are quite old, in need of improvement, and I'm sure repair and maintenance are costly.

I thought the proposed project was sensible for one thing. It was a matter of con-

servation, for another. I was not in the majority and county voters rejected it. Strongly. So be it.

However, I keep feeling that I should be disturbed over the result when it comes to the somewhat less than hallowed chambers of the county board room.

Why the adamant refusal to broach the question of closing to a second vote? Especially in view of the ensuing public protests against the closings and the narrow margin of board members voting in the first time around. Why the reluctance, nay, refusal to delay action until alternatives can be explored? Why the differing views on the necessity of projected deficit in terms of operation of the homes?

And why isn't anyone asking what Madison County plans to do with the substantial hunk of land, once the nursing home has been razed?

Most of us who live here really don't want yet another strip shopping mall on Troy Road.

Which brings up the matter of what we as a society proclaim ourselves to be vs. what we too often truly are in terms of motivation. Caring, compassionate, empathetic, charitable and magnanimous? Or greedy, acquisitive, looking out for Number One? Let's not even mention honest.

Even the bare mention of a tax increase will send us scuttling to the voting booth to punch out "No," even if the increase, on an individual level, is minimal. Well, that's the way it was going.

I do have one suggestion in terms of the building that houses the shelter care home. Let's move it to a little off the commercial value, and is old enough to qualify as a landmark. Let the County Board leave it standing and give (not sell) it to the Madison County Historical Society.

It would make you feel good, guys. A tiny sop to conscience.

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What is your favorite TV commercial?



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Leslie Hamilton, 23
Collinsville
Library clerk

I like the cat that sits on top of the car and sings snow for a car and the Kellogg commercial before the Barney show.

Caleb Berg, 2
Collinsville

"Sports commercials. Basketball, I like a lot of the players. I like their shoe commercials."

James Flynn, 12
Collinsville

"W.W.I.D. Because it would make you think about what he would do, and what you would do."

Brandon Dougherty, 13
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"All animals in commercials, especially the two dogs and a cat in a flea ad."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cruse's humanity

To THE EDITOR: I was disappointed with Sunday's story on the late Von Dee Cruse.

When one was known, if not always loved, by so many members of the community, I am sure at least some of them would have been more than willing to share their memories of that person with the newspaper.

Admittedly, it's hard to do a full life justice in a short news-paper article. But inclusion of a few anecdotes can go a long way.

Von Dee's war service, for example.

"I always tell people I went in the service for two reasons," Cruse said. "Number one, it was my duty to serve the country. Number two, they came and got me."

Von Dee ended up volunteering for an elite mountain infantry unit that trained in the Rocky Mountains.

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build a three-car-garage-sized building on the back of my lot. When the addition was finished, one of the old buildings would have come down.

There was one person that voted against the building. But at the following meeting, there were about six people that voiced their reasons why the building should not go up. These people were relatives of the person that wanted the addition.

The Zoning Board had a tie vote and sent it to the Village Board. The Village Board sent it back to the Zoning Board to take a division. A zoning administrator was told to call the members of the Zoning Board and ask for a new vote and see if any of them wanted to change their vote.

I thought it was unfair because I didn't know what she said to the board members to change their votes. The Zoning Board should have a meeting at their Village hall with me and the objector to hear their new vote.

The objector said that it would lower the value of her home. If she really thought this, she would not have had a business in her home. Her business did not work out, and she closed it.

Gruening's of Pontoon Beach had a zoning hearing in April for an addition to his building. All the people that lived behind his building voted against it. There were about six or eight people voting against the add-on because of the water it put in their back yards.

The back yards on Sunflower have a lot of water in them after a rain. Some of the sheds that have been there for years have sat about two feet of water after a rain.

The Zoning Board and the village know this, and they still gave the OK for Gruening's to build.

I wrote this letter to ask the Zoning and Village boards to give me the same treatment that the big businesses get. All the big businesses have been in the village a long time and have helped get the money to keep the village going to attract big business.

PATRICK W. BREESE

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NEWS

Removal project not hazardous, IP reps say

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The odd odor residents may smell on the 2100 block of Adams Street is coming from an Illinois Power tar removal project.

The utility, in conjunction with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, has been conducting an environmental study of company-owned property at 2161 N. Adams, which is the site of a manufactured gas plant during the first quarter of this century.

Soil samplings conducted six years ago indicated coal tar and other residue lie below the surface. IP's study concluded there was little health risk for residents but did indicate over a long period of time with chemicals in the residue could pose a health problem.

The site is completely fenced and does not affect the city's drinking water supply, a company representative said.

Tar and fill material will be removed from storage structures beneath the property. Approximately 400 tons of excavated material will then be taken, then shipped to a landfill outside Madison County that has permits to accept such material.

Excavation equipment is expected to take four weeks, after which workers will backfill the underground structures and restore the surface area.

During the project, residents may notice a smell similar to roofing tar or creosote, but the odor is no health risk, representatives from the company said.

For more information, call Gretchen Monti at (800) 238-3108.



LINDA AMES /For the Press-Record

Timeless — Granite City Mayor Ron Selph presents the key to the city to the creators of the GCCHS Time Capsule, which was closed this spring. The Time Capsule will be opened by the class of 2048. Pictured are, from left, Time Capsule architects Ike Newman and Justin Hopper, class representatives Katie Schermer and Jeff Klee and Selph.

Deal douses lost income concerns

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A mutual aid agreement that would allow the Mitchell Fire Protection District to recoup tax dollars lost when the city of Madison annexed part of Chouteau Island was approved by the city Tuesday night.

In return for providing fire protection service to the Madison portion of the island, the fire district would be paid an amount equal to the property tax revenue lost when the city annexed the southern portion of the island in 1996.

That annexation was recently upheld in court, but the Madison County State's Attorney office is considering an appeal.

When the annexation of the property about 640 acres in the land will be taken off the fire district's tax rolls, resulting in a loss of income for the district.

"The taxes they were previously getting from the annexed territory were for their compensation (providing fire service)," said Madison City Attorney Casper Nighohossian. "They won't lose anything."

The lawsuit had been filed against the city by the fire protection district, but Nighohossian said that would be dismissed as part of the agreement.

In a related matter, Fire Chief Mike Foley said the city was still negotiating with the

Mitchell and Long Lake fire protection districts over an automatic mutual aid agreement for structure fires.

Under the agreement, if there was a structure fire in either the city or one of the districts, fire trucks for all three would be dispatched to the scene.

Voley said in addition to giving all three groups better fire coverage, it probably would give the city a better fire rating, lowering insurance costs.

There are mutual aid agreements in place at the two fire departments, he said.

Foley said the fire department in the district was hosting a Firefighter II training class, and they have been practicing in abandoned houses.

They are trying to utilize these properties to train the team members, he said.

Foley said that about 30 firefighters from several departments have been taking part in the training, and some residents who did not know about the training program have expressed interest when they have seen the firefighters practicing.

The council also approved an ordinance requiring all businesses and residential properties to have address numbers at least three inches high at the front of the building.

Building Inspector George Hava had requested the ordinance some time ago.

Violators could face fines of \$50-\$750.

Brown to head fall campaign

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Dan Brown, a longtime community leader, will serve as chairperson for this fall's Tri-Cities Area United Way fund-raising campaign.

The United Way recently approached the economic development director to be the chairman, and Brown accepted. "It is a pleasure to chair such a worthwhile effort," he said. "We hope the money raised in this year's campaign will provide services to people who need help in our communities."

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The goal for this year's campaign will be announced soon, said Jan Quigley, executive director for the Tri-Cities Area United Way. Last year the campaign exceeded the goal of \$1.2 million.

She said Brown was chosen by the board and non-board members who represent a cross-section of the community.

As the 1998 campaign chairman, Brown will serve as a member of the Tri-Cities Area United Way Executive Committee. The city's economic development director since 1994, Brown was an alderman from 1989-1993. Brown served as a member of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council's Executive Advisory Committee, which advises the



Dan Brown

Board of Directors for that regional planning agency.

His community and civic involvement includes board member of the Jaycees, Achievement, the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and the Granite City Rotary Club, where Brown is the president-elect and chairman of the community action prayer breakfasts.

He is also a member of the Regional District Rotary Immunization Task Force, Solid Granite, Ainaid Shrine Temple, Masons #822 and Scottish Rite of Southern Illinois. Brown also has been chairman of the Tri-City Shrine Parade for the last three years. He is a past chairman of the St. Louis Media Club Business Committee and past president of the Granite City Ambassadors.

An attorney in private law practice from 1971 to 1986, he served as president of DBD Disbursing Co., and as vice president for Van Arch and Associates from 1986 to 1994.

•Strike

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get three of them together at the same time," said St. Clair Auto Mall Aufenberg manager Dave Adler.

He said one of the problems is finding new insurance dealers. "In the past, the contract called for health insurance that the union goes out and gets, and then there is a fee negotiated, which the dealers pay for the individual member pays for health insurance," Adler said.

"The situation is one where the dealers feel that what the union is asking to charge for health insurance is not market competitive," he said.

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"It strikes me that they're kind of vague as to what it is they're walking for. It strikes me that they are walking because the union has told them this is what they need to do for whatever reason."

"Good or bad," he said.

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"It strikes me that they're kind of vague as to what it is they're walking for. It strikes me that they are walking because the union has told them this is what they need to do for whatever reason — good or bad," he said.

Union members on the picket line have been instructed not to talk or comment about the strike.

"I don't understand (what) the purpose of them not being able to talk is," Adler said. "I don't see how (talking) hurts their cause."

"Maybe it would help if we understand what the people on the line wanted," he said.

BRIEFLY

Blood drive slated today

St. Elizabeth Medical Center is sponsoring a blood drive from 1 to 4 p.m. today in the Wiesman Room on the first floor of the center.

To be eligible, donors must weigh 110 pounds or more and be between 16-65 years old. They may give blood with signed Red Cross permission form.

For more information about this or any other upcoming

blood drives in the area, call the American Red Cross at (800) 238-2006.

District deadline approaching

The last day to report on books and receive prizes for the Granite City Public Library District Summer Reading Program is Saturday.

The main library is open at 5 p.m. Saturday and the branch library closes at 5:30 p.m.

Driving class offered at BAC

A 55-plus Mature Driving class is being offered at the Belleville Area College Granite City campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

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NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News In Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

More than 80 annexations to take place Aug. 17

GRANITE CITY — The biggest number of annexations in Granite City's history will take place Aug. 17 when the city takes in at least 80 properties.

Approximately 151 persons petitioned the city for annexation over a one-week period late July, prompted by a filer and letter from Mayor Ron Seiph that circulated in unincorporated areas.

After hearing from property owners, the city proposed boundaries of the village's incorporation to petition the city for annexation. Owners had to do so by Aug. 10 to give the city enough time to prepare the petitions before Aug. 18 — a significant date for Mitchell.

On Aug. 18, the incorporation ordinance may once again petition the courts to place their incorporation on the ballot for a public vote. The ballot initiative will be based on the 7.28-square-mile map the Madison County Board approved in mid-July.

The incorporators have to wait a full year since the courts dismissed their first petition in August 1997.

The ones whose properties are not annexed on Aug. 17 will enter preannexation agreements with the city on record with the circuit clerk.

Former Mayor dies

GRANITE CITY — Von Dee Cruse, former mayor of Granite City, died Wednesday at age 74. Cruse was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Granite City.

High-tech scam hits accounts

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A Granite City family was surprised last Saturday when they discovered their Magna Bank account was missing \$1,000.

Theives apparently hit them and approximately 500 other bank customers from throughout St. Louis area in a debit-card fraud.

Ron Buerges, senior vice president of Magna Group Inc., said there will be no more bank card customer, as the bank is sending out letters to anyone whose account was tampered with through a fraudulent debit card.

"Visa has been exceptionally good," he said, adding that their system for spotting suspicious activity has worked well.

On Saturday, the bank discovered there was a problem at the open of business Friday. Bank officials found that numerous transactions with debit cards occurred, and appropriate controls were immediately put in place, Buerges said.

"Visa was notified of the problem and we were notified of the problems.

Without revealing how fraudulent transactions are found, Buerges said that as soon as a card is used, transaction bankers immediately reverse, or put a stop, to the transaction.

"Visa has good controls in place to detect any suspicious activities," he said.

Although Magna bankers are not entirely sure what equipment was used — such as an ATM or merchant card machine — to commit the fraud, they do know a fake check, cashing card or cards were created and used by the thieves.

Magna is currently reversing all the fraudulent transactions to lesson the inconvenience to customers as soon as possible, he said.

Jobs

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"Half of the building is inside the TIF, and half of it outside," Brown said, so the city is proposing extending the TIF to cover the rest of the building.

Lanter would receive at least \$2.5 million in tax breaks over 12 years but would have to

maintain employing at least 60 people. If the number drops below 60, then the percentage of tax breaks would drop accordingly.

The project is expected to cost \$8 million.

Lanter has other facilities in Granite City, Madison and Collinsville.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED

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Does a business owner have a duty to protect a patron from criminal activity after the patron leaves the premises? Generally speaking, Illinois law imposed a duty to protect others from the criminal acts of third parties if a special relationship exists between the parties and if the criminal attack was reasonably foreseeable.

Most would agree that a business owner has a duty to take reasonable action to protect his invitee from foreseeable injuries caused by third persons on the property. But what if the patron leaves the property? This question was addressed in a recent case before an Illinois Appellate Court.

In this case, the plaintiff was a customer at a tavern. Three men began "hassling" and "grabbing" his girlfriend. The plaintiff approached the bouncers and threatened them to leave. The three men challenged him to fight in the parking lot. A few minutes later, the plaintiff left the tavern and encountered the three men with whom he had argued. Punches were exchanged, and the men began wrestling in the parking lot. Eventually a woman who had been inside the bar left the bar and smashed a beer bottle over the plaintiff's head. Finally, the plaintiff was stabbed on a public sidewalk. He noted that he had been punched in the face. He testified that the bar's employees watched the entire incident out the window. No one called the police and none of the bouncers attempted to stop the fight. The plaintiff also claimed that after the fight began, the owner of the bar ushered the other patrons out of the bar, which caused the plaintiff to leave the bar.

The Appellate Court in this case held that the duty of a tavern owner can extend even to a public sidewalk outside the premises under the right set of circumstances. The owners apparently contributed to the alteration by sending patrons out to fight in the fracas. The court noted that the dispute was carried into the bar, which the owner apparently observed, and the brawl developed just outside the front door and continued for fifteen minutes while the owner and his employees watched outside the window. Under these circumstances, according to the Court, the owner was under the same duty as if the fight had occurred inside the bar.

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He married Lois Hamm Cruse. They have two children and five grandchildren.

A lifelong resident, had more than 40 years experience in public service. Cruse was one of Granite City's most progressive mayors.

Services were Saturday, Aug. 15, at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brian Caughlin officiating. Burial was to be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Midnight Madness cancelled

GRANITE CITY — Granite City soccer practices will start Aug. 17 at 8 a.m.

This year, for the first time in a long time, there will be no Midnight Madness, no hundreds-strong soccer-crazed mob cheering the boys team to warm up. No conspiracy to report, though, no kill joy behind the cancellation.

Schools are beginning a week earlier this year, said soccer coach Gene Baker.

"We have to make time to practice. It sets us back a day, and this year we can't afford it if we're going to be ready by Aug. 29 (the first game of the season, against Peoria Richwoods).

"Usually we have two weeks to get the kids ready, and that's enough time. We can go have two-a-days, or three-a-days. This year, we only get one week, then we're back on one-a-days, with school being in session."

2 injured in shooting

VENICE — Felony charges are expected to be filed in the next few days for two shootings in Venice — one of which left two people hospitalized.

The shootings were among several assaults and batteries reported to Venice Police over the weekend. Both incidents stemmed from earlier altercations between the suspects and

victims.

Two people were taken to Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and then transferred to a St. Louis area hospital after being shot late Friday evening.

Police said the incident was apparently related to an earlier fight in Madison.

Solicitations not a scam

GRANITE CITY — Fire Chief Keith Talley wants residents to know that phone solicitations from the American Legion on behalf of the fire department are legitimate.

The Press-Record-Journal recently reported the chief's concern about soliciting people on behalf of the fire department, asking for money. Last week Talley said if the Legion calls residents, that is legitimate.

The Legion is raising money to support the costs of the department's thermal imaging helmets.

Purse snatchers nabbed

GRANITE CITY — Two men face felony charges for allegedly grabbing purses from four area elderly women.

Scott E. Sessions, 24, of the 800 block of Edlawn in Wood River, and Jason D. Wanick, 26, of the 500 block of S. Jefferson in Collinsville, were charged with robbery for four incidents in June.

The Granite City incidents happened July 31 and Aug. 4.

Both suspects remain in custody in Madison County Jail, with bond for Sessions set at \$75,000 for robbery and bond for Wanick at \$50,000 for theft from a person.

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"Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Dupo

Teachers' union files strike notice

The Dupo Federation of Teachers and Paraprofessionals filed a 10-day strike notice after the Board of Education failed to take action Sunday on an agreement ratified by union members.

The school board met for about five hours Sunday but took no action on an agreement ratified Aug. 5 by the union.

"We've negotiated all summer with the board's representatives," union President Rita Cindell said in a news release Monday.

"It's unbelievable to me that the board would take no action on an issue of this importance."

The board is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the superintendent's office at Dupo High School.

School board Vice President Bruce Feltmeyer declined to speculate on whether the board would approve the agreement Thursday.

Cahokia

Developer wants to open sand-dredging operation on river

The Cahokia Board of Trustees has denied a developer's request for incentives to open a sand-dredging operation on the Mississippi River.

Dan Althoff, the owner of Althoff Contracting Inc. and Dan Althoff Trucking Inc. in St. Louis County, is planning to open the business at the old American Milling property on Cargill Road, according to a letter from Cahokia Economic Development Commission Chairman Larry Turner.

The company expects to generate \$1.12 million in sales the first year, but most of the sales would be tax-exempt and provide the village with tax revenue. The business would employ five or six workers.

Sauget

State files suit against TWI

The state filed a lawsuit Monday against a Sauget company as a result of several incidents involving hazardous waste, including an explosion that hospitalized an employee.

The 12-year-old was charged Chemical Waste Management Inc., which operates Trade Waste Incineration of Sauget, with repeatedly causing explosive reactions of hazardous waste,

improper waste handling and safety precautions, failing to control emissions and air pollution during waste incineration and failing to report problems to regulators.

On March 28, 1996, an employee opened a container of sodium amide, which can create flames, ammonia and corrosive sodium hydroxide fumes when it reacts with water vapor, according to the lawsuit.

East St. Louis

Liquor license cutback sought

The East St. Louis City Council is studying an ordinance to cut the number of liquor licenses in half.

The ordinance, proposed by Mayor Gordon Bush, would reduce the maximum number of licenses from 115 to 55. Existing licensees would not lose their licenses, but licenses would not be issued until the number falls below 55.

Bush said the lower limit is necessary because the current limit was set when the city's population was twice what it is now.

Bush, who like other area mayors is the city's liquor commissioner, said he was taking the ordinance to the council because it is difficult to refuse licenses.

He said the city now has 20 fewer licenses than it did when he was elected in 1991. The number of licenses is now about 87.

Belleville

Annex tied in with city rail plans

Belleville grew by about nine acres last week when the city annexed St. Clair County property at 57th and Dutch Hollow Road and at Belleville Area College.

Mike Malloy, director of economic development and planning for the St. Louis County Department of Economic Development Agency, and the city finalized the annexation.

Under the annexation agreement, Malloy said that Bi-State will retain use of the property's right-of-way for the MetroLink system.

Malloy said the property was annexed basically for three reasons: to fill out municipal boundaries; to give Belleville the ability to address future public safety issues and provide quick response to emergency situations; and to provide proactive patrols to assist with the control land use and future development along the MetroLink corridor.

Malloy said annexing the property will allow Belleville to benefit from sales tax revenue generated from MetroLink developments.

Land

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National City," he said. "We annex by contiguous properties and that's always worked well for our city." He said,

"By picking up the UE property, that puts us contiguous to other properties in the national city area, which we are very actively pursuing."

Hamm said the city would probably go out for bids to clean up the property.

"The golf course has had a lot of concerns about the area not being cleaned up," he said.

"As early as a month ago, there was a parade of pigs on the sixth green."

Hamm said he expects the

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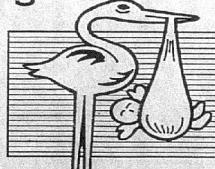
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O'Fallon

Grant will go for trail

The state has awarded O'Fallon more than \$100,000 to construct two bicycle paths.

Of the 28 projects approved by the state, eight will provide trail links to schools, including one of O'Fallon's proposed routes.

O'Fallon will receive \$63,000 to construct a 1.75-mile path on an abandoned railroad right-of-way that will connect Edward A. Fulton Junior High School, J.E. Hinckle High School to Jesse Park.

O'Fallon will receive \$39,300 to construct a 1/2-mile path through St. Ellen Mine recreational park. This trail will use an abandoned railroad right-of-way.

Frank Miles, the city's director of administration, said construction on the trails could start in 180 days.

Teachers file strike notice

Teachers at Central School District 104 in O'Fallon have filed a 10-day intent to strike notice with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board.

The teachers, represented by Local No. 4673, have declined to settle specific issues involved in the current negotiations.

The school board on Monday was expected to meet and discuss the negotiations in closed session.

Four bargaining sessions have been held.

Monroe County

Stormwater co-op nixed

Monroe County likely will go it alone as far as future efforts at combating stormwater run-off, Monroe County Board Chairman Bob Rippelmeier told the Regional Planning Commission last week.

As far back as 1994, Monroe, St. Clair and Madison Counties had discussed collaborating on stormwater retention and diversion, but specific measures specific to the 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th State Senate districts and the 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th and 115th State Representative districts.

These measures, however, have subsequently bogged down and are being crafted exclusively by seven tri-county officials.

Contractors and development corporations protested the legislation two years ago when it came to a vote because it placed restrictions they said were too onerous.

city to at least "break even" on the purchase of the property.

The golf course has had a lot of concerns about the area not being cleaned up," he said. "As early as a month ago, there was a parade of pigs on the sixth green."

Hamm said he expects the

on the purchase of the property. Although part of the property would probably be taken over by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the bridge and Illinois 3 projects, some of the land may be able to be developed.

The new highway system touches the land in four different spots, so I think the value of that property will be much greater than what we paid for it," Hamm said. "Even if we come back and break even, we're not out any money."

Hamm said the land will be included in the city's TIF district.

"We're holding off on that TIF expansion to see what (Gates) does with his parking lot," Hamm said. "We have a commitment to him to get him into that TIF."

Hamm was referring to a 14-acre plot of land at Gateway International Raceway.

The land is the subject of a court battle between the property owners and the Southwest Illinois Regional Planning Authority, which had used its quick-take eminent domain powers to seize the property for use as a racetrack parking lot. The land had been annexed by East St. Louis, but previous annexations by both Madison and Fairmont City may have blocked that action, opponents' lawyers said in court. The Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon heard oral arguments on the SWIDA case on July 23, but a decision has been handed down.

In addition to the 14-acre tract annexed, the council instructed City Attorney Casper Niholickson to publish legal notices on the city's intention to annex approximately 22 acres that now are surrounded by the municipality.

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Ruling

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office as "heavy burden" to prove that the law was unconstitutional and that Metz had provided no such evidence.

Metz countered by saying that the law was unconstitutional because it was a special legislation to benefit only one municipality — Madison.

Such legislation is barred by the state constitution.

The legislation allowing the annexation was part of an amendment by State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, to another bill. Despite the Republican-controlled legislature, she was able to add an amendment to an existing bill to allow the annexation.

The amendment allows a municipality in a county of more than 250,000 people to be denied by the Mississippi River, with property on both the

mainland and the island — to bypass federally-owned land to annex other property on the island.

Nichohossian said because

the approval of all interested

governmental bodies, including

the county and Granite City,

would have been required to

annex the former land, all

municipalities were effectively

blocked from annexing because

Madison County officials would

never approve the annexation.

In their argument, the attorney told the court about the motives of both the county and city for wanting the land.

At the time of the annexation, city officials said the reason for the annexation was to help Trailnet Inc. renovate the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge as a pedestrian-bicycle trail.

Metz said the real reason the city wanted the land was to control the landfill. That con-

trol also would include the ability to create a host agreement bringing income to the city and the authority to approved expansion of the

Haine said he would meet with County Board officials about the appeal.

But the appeal process could take years, something that

He also acknowledged that

negotiations continue between

the county, Granite City, Ven-

ice and Madison over the Tri-

City Port District but declined to elaborate.

The Port District is in a simi-

lar situation to the federal

law on Chouteau Island. It

cannot be annexed by any par-

ticular municipality unless all

governmental bodies in the

Port Authority agree.

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Steve Balen, superintendent of the Granite City School District, presented the award to the Board of Education at the Aug. 11 meeting. The board has yet to decide which schools will receive funds.

"We thought we could get \$2.2 million in state money," Balen said. "And now they are giving us \$1.6 million."

He said the district has saved enough money to match the higher figure.

As far as which schools will be chosen, Balen said the board will have to look at the whole school district.

A large part of planning will be determined by population shift in the Granite City Dis-

trict area, which includes the

Mitchell area, as well as Pon-

toon Beach. Balen said the

Mitchell area is growing, but

there is little new population

development in the older areas of Granite City.

"Some people seem to be

leaving the district entirely

and going to Edwardsville, Glen

Carben and Edwardsville," Balen

said. "Others seem to be

shifting or moving within the

district, and they are shifting eastward in population to Pon-

toon Beach.

The result means plenty of

building or classroom space in

the older areas of Granite City

and an increasing need for

more classroom space in the

Mitchell-Pontoon Beach area.

"The Mitchell area is to

capacity," Balen said. "There

are two portable classrooms in

the Mitchell area this year

because we can't accommo-

date any more kids there. And

it is a big building.

He said the district currently

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Steve Balen, superintendent of the Granite City School District, presented the award to the Board of Education at the Aug. 11 meeting. The board has yet to decide which schools will receive funds.

"We thought we could get \$2.2 million in state money," Balen said. "And now they are giving us \$1.6 million."

He said the district has saved enough money to match the higher figure.

As far as which schools will be chosen, Balen said the board will have to look at the whole school district.

A large part of planning will be determined by population shift in the Granite City Dis-

trict area, which includes the

Mitchell area, as well as Pon-

toon Beach. Balen said the

Mitchell area is growing, but

there is little new population

development in the older areas of Granite City.

"Some people seem to be

leaving the district entirely

and going to Edwardsville, Glen

Carben and Edwardsville," Balen

said. "Others seem to be

shifting or moving within the

district, and they are shifting eastward in population to Pon-

toon Beach.

The result means plenty of

building or classroom space in

the older areas of Granite City

and an increasing need for

more classroom space in the

Mitchell-Pontoon Beach area.

"The Mitchell area is to

capacity," Balen said. "There

are two portable classrooms in

the Mitchell area this year

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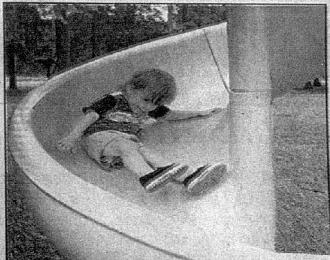
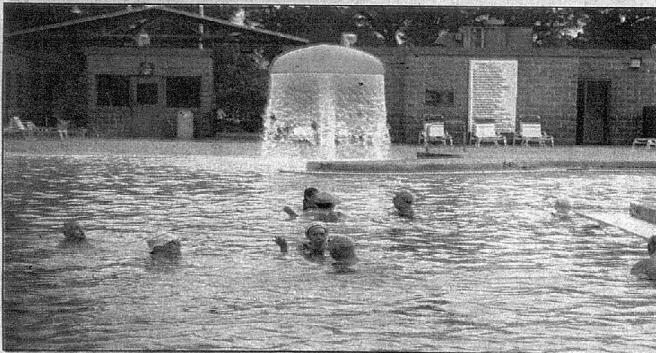
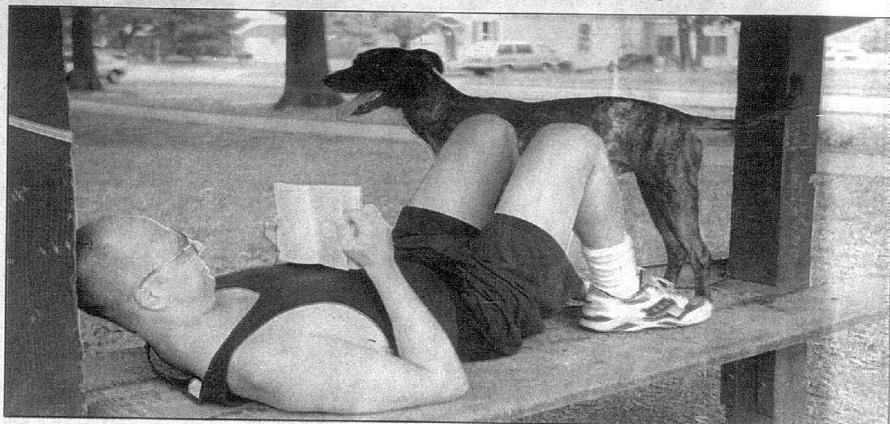
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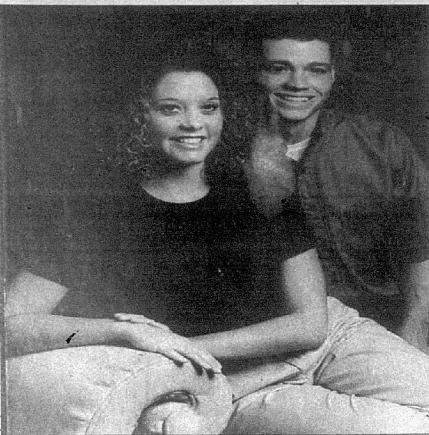
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A day in the park



From walking through a peaceful garden to swimming in a busy pool, there is a lot to do in Wilson Park. Clockwise, from top, Nick Wargin reads a book and relaxes with his dog Cleetus ... Perched on his father Dan DeRousse's shoulders, Nicholas DeRousse has a fine view. His brother, Zachary, follows ... Dillon Gergen gets a big push on the swing from his father Dean Gergen ... Larry Potts rides his bike on one of the park trails ... Jim Starns Jr. shows good form rounding the turn on a slide ... Senior citizens exercise in the pool.

Photos by Tim Stephenson

ENGAGEMENTS

Stacie Kennerly and Jeffrey Stephens



Heather Sanders and Ronald Barrios

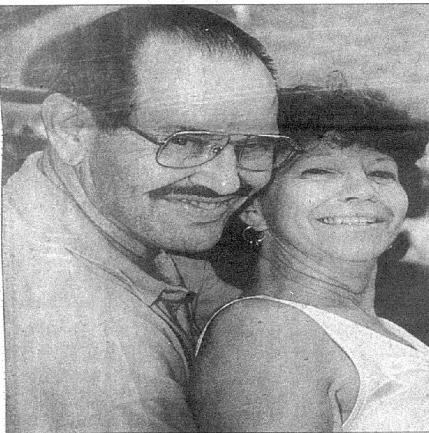
Kennerly-Stephens

Stacie LeAnn Kennerly, daughter of Allen and Barbara Kennerly of Granite City, and Jeffrey Dean Stephens, son of Eddie and Cheryl Stephens of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Kennerly is a 1991 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and a 1993 graduate of Bellville Area College with a degree in radiological technology. She is employed by Multi-Care Radiologists in Granite City as a radiology technician.

Stephens is a 1991 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and attended Western Illinois University on a soccer scholarship and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on a baseball scholarship. He has played in the college world series baseball. He is employed by Granite City Steel.

They are planning an Oct. 3 wedding at City Temple in Granite City.



Diana Westmoreland and LeRoy Schaeter



Jennifer Spahn and Kevin Lostutter

Westmoreland-Schaeter

Diana Westmoreland of St. Louis and LeRoy Schaeter of Granite City have announced their engagement.

They are planning a Sept. 4 wedding in La Jolla, Calif.

After a honeymoon in California, the couple will reside in Granite City.

Hicks-Sander

Amy Marie Hicks, daughter of Jimmy and Sharon Hicks of Granite City, and William Edward Sander, son of Carolyn Sander of Granite City and David Sander of Winchester, Va., have announced their engagement.

Hicks is a 1992 graduate of Granite City Senior High School. She is employed by Robert Half International in Arlington, Va., as a payroll assistant.

Sander is a 1991 graduate of Leavenworth High School in Leavenworth, Kan. He is employed by the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., in the Defense Comptroller and Finance United Air Force, stationed at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., as a financial manager. He is a captain in Civil Air Patrol in Fort Belvoir, Va.

They are planning an Aug. 22 wedding at Nameoki United Methodist Church in Granite City.

Weber — Hoffmann

Sharon Ann Weber, the daughter of Ronald and Evelyn Weber of Collinsville, and Joshua Jerod Hoffmann, the son of Roger and Janet Hoffmann of Freeburg, have announced their engagement.

Weber is a 1992 graduate of Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville and a 1996 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is a civil engineer with Sverdrup Civil Inc. in St. Louis.

Hoffmann is a 1992 graduate of Althoff Catholic High School. He is a construction inspector with Thouvenot, Wade and Moerchen Inc. in Swansea.

ANNIVERSARIES

Luella and Robert Humphreys Jr.

Humphreys-50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Humphreys Jr. of Madison celebrated their 50th anniversary with a surprise barbecue at their home.

Robert and Luella (Voss) Humphreys married June 19, 1948.

The party was hosted by the couple's five children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Humphreys of Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Humphreys and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, all of Granite City; and Mr. and Mrs. Zane Zimmerman of Woodburn.

The other guests include grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.



Jeanette and Wayne Scannell

Scannell-40 years

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Scannell of Granite City will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16, 1998.

Wayne and Jeanette (Lubak) Scannell were married on Aug. 16, 1958, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison.

Mr. Scannell is employed by Klineco Inc. Purchasing in Granite City and has been a musician and singer in the community for many years. Mrs. Scannell is a contract-purchasing analyst with the Department of Army Logistics System Support Center in St. Louis.

They are members of the Holy Family Catholic Church. They have five children, Michael Scannell, Jane Kopisic, Lisa Blackwell, Juli Memeth and Susan Koberna. They also have five grandchildren, Michael and Patrick Scannell, Jamey Kopisic, and Brandon and Thomas Blackwell.

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SPORTS

Boker sweeps tournament titles

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The doubles team of Raffi Karibian and Tom Boker defeated Chris Mitchell and Aaron Jackstadt 6-3 to win the men's doubles division in the Granite City Parks Department tennis tournament on Aug. 5 at Wilson Park.

The event was open to all Granite City residents.

"Those guys are old hats at this, so it wasn't that surprising," said Jackstadt, who organized and conducted the tournament in addition to playing in it. "Mitch and I play at BAC, and he was looking for a partner, so we

took them on."

"I was awfully glad to be playing with Raffi," said Boker. "He's very competitive and plays aggressively."

"I've known Tom for a number of years," said Karibian. "We met through playing tennis at Wilson Park."

This wasn't a really huge tournament. There was another one going on in O'Fallon at the same time, so that took some of our players.

"The big event is the invitational (being played this week) at Wilson Park. We usually get players to come in from out of town for that....

"We didn't have a lot of people this week, but the ones we had were real-

ly good."

Boker has been playing since 1972.

"I played through high school at Granite City, and I played in the Navy. They had sub-base championships every year, and you advanced to the regional championships. I won those a couple of times."

Boker expected to play in this week's invitational tournament.

"It should be really good," he said. "I hope there's a large draw. We usually get the best players from around St. Louis and Belleville to come over here. Right now, I'm looking for one of the guys I know from over there to

come and play doubles with me."

Like Boker, Karibian has been playing for virtually his whole life.

"I started playing when I was about eight, in Granite City," said Karibian. "I grew up playing on the Wilson Park courts. I played with friends and took some lessons from John Van Buskirk, who's a basketball coach at the high school now. I played four years at Granite City and then two years each at BAC and UMSL."

While he looks to land a teaching position, Karibian still keeps a pretty busy tennis schedule.

"I play a lot of doubles. I probably entered about four tournaments this

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Seets grabs points lead at Tri-City

Special to the Press-Record

John Seets regained the points lead this past Saturday by sweeping the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Modified card.

Starting from the third row, Seets survived several cautions, the first of which involved then points leader Ray Walsh. Tangled with Terry Bolin, relegating Terry to the rear of the field.

A three-car spin slowed the pace again, but when the green flew Seets grabbed the point in the first turn. As Seets did, the pack closed in on Walsh. Walsh slammed through traffic and within eight laps was the only image in Seets' mirror. Walsh drove several laps and even managed to lead for 100 feet during lap 19 before Seets took over for good. Trailing the pair across the stripe were Bubb Smith, Mike Null and Brian Cockrum. The second qualifier went to Tim Han-

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cock.

The win put Seets eight markers ahead of Walsh in the point chase.

Terry McClintock also wielded the broom, taking the measure of the Budweiser Pro Stock field and winning his eighth race of the year. McClintock started sixth in the pack and quickly camped out on leader John Dickerman's bumper. McClintock stopped Dickerman's advance on lap 11 and caught his breath for the next six laps. With two to go, Bubb Smith, coming from fifth, made a bold attempt at the lead but had to settle for second. Brian Crouch, Dickerman and Paul Schrempf rounded out the top five.

McClintock's victory kept him atop the points chase, with

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Run and Gun '98 concludes today at Gateway Raceway

Special to the Press-Record

A unique group of copycats are at Gateway International Raceway this week, showing off a group of vehicles.

Run and Gun, sponsored by McMullen-Arugs Publishing Kit Car Illustrated, has been a four-day gathering with up to 100 top "copycat" cars from around the nation getting their chance to tour the 1.25-mile Gateway oval, the 1.6-mile road course and the drag strip.

Kit cars are low-cost replicas of historic vehicles such as Cobras (the most popular kit selection), Corvettes, Austin-Healeys, Ferraris, and other sports and performance vehicles.

The kit cars cost anywhere from \$5,000 to several hundred thousand dollars, depending on the engine and chassis combination used.

"To be able to make something that you drove down the highway is an incredible feeling," said Don Shank of Colleville, a retired printer who will bring his 1932 Bugatti replica to the show.

Shank spent 9½ years hand-

shaping the fiberglass body. The "clamshell" fenders alone took nearly a year to make from molds he built from photos of actual cars.

"To build a Bugatti would cost well over a million dollars," Shank said. "Underneath the body of my car, it's

Ford Pinto frame and engine. All of it is the only \$5,000, but I've been offered \$50,000 for the car, and my wife tells me it's not for sale."

Wayne Turpin, an attorney from Evansville, Ind., first built his Cobra in 1991. Then he rebuilt it with an old NASCAR Ford 427 cubic-inch "sidemotor" engine that will crank out 375 horsepower.

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Tourney for Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital set for Sept. 11

By Scott Maron
Staff writer

"Golf for a good cause" will be the day on Friday, Sept. 11.

That's when the 15th annual Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital Columbia Golf Tournament will be played at Columbia Golf Club. Since its debut in 1984, the tournament has evolved into one of the top charity golf events in the St. Louis area.

"It's neat to have been able to do something like this," said Tom McBride, president of Columbia Golf Club. "But I'm not taking credit for it. All of our sponsors are the ones who made this tournament a success."

"I'm already looking at the year 2000. That's when we'll try to hit the \$1 million dollar mark in money raised."

Major sponsors of the tournament include Anheuser-Busch, Fabick Tractor Co. (Fenton, Mo.), Nations-

Bank and McBride & Son Construction. But numerous other companies donate their time, money and merchandise.

"It's really not a lot of expense for us," said Bob Furkin, head pro at Columbia Golf Club. "It gives us a course away from that day. We probably have 150 to 165 golfers this year. At \$325 a head, that adds up to a lot of money. A lot of people play in it every year."

The entry fee for the three-person scramble is \$325 per person or \$975 per team. Hole sponsorships are \$900. This year's tourney starts with registration at 9 a.m., followed by a putting contest at 9:30 and lunch at 10 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at 11 a.m., with a plaque party at 5 p.m.

The tournament began as part of a conversation between Mundi and

his friend Rich Dohack Sr., a St. Louis restaurateur.

We were having lunch one day around Christmas of '83 when Rich pulled out a check for \$1,000 and said "Match it for Cardinal Glennon." Mundi said he told him "You never ask well as asking me 'That's an idea. Let's have a golf tournament for Cardinal Glennon."

Over the years, various celebrities have been involved in promoting the tournament.

"Former St. Louis football Cardinals star and NFL Hall of Famer Jackie Smith is on the tournament committee. He has some great ideas on how to do award presentations," Furkin said. "He's also a great singer. Last year he sang after dinner and it was very impressive. Seeing a big ex-football player do that is very touching."

"(Radio personalities) Bill Wilker-

son and Guy Phillips have been our emcees in past years."

Schnucks donates the food for the tournament, which is cooked and prepared by Dohack's John Koerber, an Anheuser-Busch distributor from Webster Groves.

"This year all the contestants get a free pair of Foot-Joy golf shoes," Furkin said. "There are all kinds of drawing prizes, including rounds of golf at private country clubs."

Adding to the tournament's success is a dedicated group of volunteers —

and a bit of luck.

"I can't believe we haven't been rained out," Mundi said. "Every year, it's come off without a hitch."

"Col. Ken Hallinan donates his time and coordinates all the volunteers," Furkin said. "He's a retired guy who helps out in a big way."

To enter the tournament, or for more information, call Cardinal Glennon at (314) 577-6005 or Columbia Golf Club at (618) 286-4455.



Hot times for cages, ranges

Weekend warriors emulate big hitters

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire has a beautiful big-league ballpark to march into, NASA-worthy astronomical Moonshots.

For mere mortals, a batting cage will have to suffice.

McGwire, who is in hot pur-

suit of Major League Baseball's home run record, and long-hitting, sweet-swinging golfer Tiger Woods are gripping the attention of the sports world, inspiring civilians to hit with power swing to the fences and reach those pars in two.

Weekend warriors are coming out of the woodwork with dreams of sports glory.

And their spending their time at the batting cages and the driving ranges.

"Oh yeah, definitely think there are more weekend golfers now," says Katie Schible of Family Funtry in Maryland. "There are more people this summer than ever. It's been a real mix of people too, girls, boys, people in their 30s."

Kenneth Marler of Cottonwood Golf in Glen Carbon sees an increase as well.

"We have more batters than golfers this year, a lot of them young kids," he says.

With batting cages, a driving range and an indoor mini-golf course, Lakewood Golf & Sports Center in Granite City is a multiplex of modern sports fantasies. Foreign visitors can punch cards for \$30 and get \$40 worth of range play. A large bucket of golf balls costs \$4, a small \$3. Mini-golf is \$8 for a hole. The ranges are 20 pitches for 18 with special group rates for teams.

"We've gotten all new equipment, from the turf on the greens to the landscaping," says Lakewood staffer Glen Hunter.

"This year is busier than last. From early in the summer, we've been really busy, especially with Little League teams coming to practice their batting."

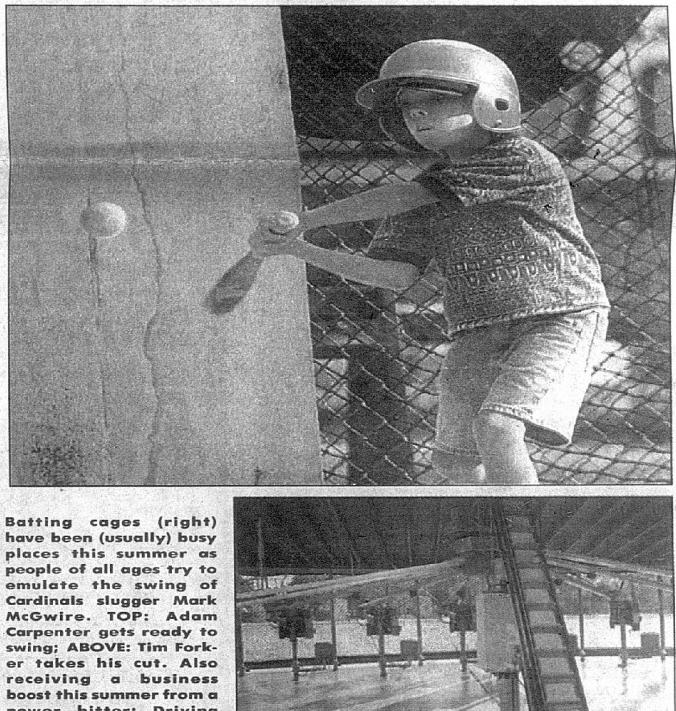
Sean Kuehnel, another staffer at Lakewood, says players are coming in here talking about McGwire, what he's just done. We don't have a TV back here, so they give us updates. They get all excited talking about it."

Lakeview has six cages, with three set aside for slow-pitch softball and the others baseball at speeds of 40, 70, and 102 mph.

"If they start hitting well, they can't stop themselves over the winter months," says Hunter. "That's when they feel like McGwire."

"I like the fastest one," says batter Keith Hopke, who also uses the driving range. "The one set to 102 mph."

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'We'll probably have 150 to 165 golfers this year. At \$325 a head, that adds up to a lot of money. A lot of people play in it every year.'

Bob Furkin

Columbia Golf Club head pro

SPORTS**Mon-Clair playoffs this weekend in Waterloo**

The battle for Mon-Clair League supremacy begins this Friday night at Sts. Peter and Paul Field in Waterloo.

The Mon-Clair Buds carry a 43-0 overall record into their showdown with rival Valmeyer (26-13 overall and 12-12 in league play) Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Waterloo (24-0 in Mon-Clair league) won the regional at the Illinois State Games in June, captured the Valmeyer Mid-Summer Classic championship and was the Mon-Clair division champion en route to a perfect regular season this summer.

The Buds have won the past two Mon-Clair playoff titles as well.

In the other first-round game, Granite City (14-10) battles Sauget (12-9) at 8:15 p.m.

The semifinals then will be Saturday and the finals are set for Sunday.

All action is scheduled for Sts. Peter and Paul Field.

Only the top four teams from the Mon-Clair league qualified for the postseason.

Coolidge practices

Seventh- and eighth-grade football practice will start Monday, Aug. 24, at 3:30 p.m., on the Coolidge practice field. Athletes must have a record of receiving a physical exam within the past year and a signed parent permission form before they can practice. Gym shirt, shorts, and running shoes will be needed for the first practice. If you have any questions, contact coach Curry at 876-8044.

Granite practices

The following are times for first fall practices at Granite City High School:

Soccer — Practice 8 a.m. Aug. 17.

Volleyball — Practice 4 p.m. Aug. 17.

Water country — Practice 9 a.m. Aug. 17.

Girls tennis — Practice 9 a.m. Aug. 17.

All athletes must have a physical exam and parents permission form completed before they can practice. Forms may be picked up in the main office.

Granite City softball

Registration is underway for the Granite City Park men's, women's and coed softball leagues. Deadline for registration is Aug. 21.

•Gateway

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The Run and Gun with a group of car enthusiasts and friends that include the chief surgeon at the University of Michigan Medical School, a facilities director at a Mobil Refinery near Chicago, a Ford dealer in Pennsylvania, and the owner of an electrical company in Michigan. Then there's a retired executive who has, among his collection, a replica Viper, a Cobra, a BMW ... and the real McCoy — the 53rd

SPORTS BRIEFS

League play begins Sept. 2 and last for seven weeks. Men and women play Tuesday and Thursday evenings; coed teams play Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

The cost is \$200.

For information, contact Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Blues softball classic

Tickets are on sale for St. Louis University's seventh annual St. Louis Blues Softball Classic, set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Billiken Sports Complex.

Led by honorary chairman Craig Conroy, the Blues team will challenge a team of local celebrities to pit their skills against them for this all-star softball game. The roster for the opposing celebrity team will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

During the past six years, the game has raised more than \$100,000 for Alzheimer's disease research for St. Louis University School of Medicine. There will be autograph and photo opportunities, an auction and raffle of Blues merchandise, Softball Classic souvenirs and refreshments.

Reserved tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. General admission tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased by visiting any Capital Tickets location or by calling Dialfix at (314) 969-1800. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m.

Dutchman golf tourney

The first Dutchman Golf Classic Four-Man Scramble will be Aug. 22 at Legacy Golf Course.

Teetimes start at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$20 per team or \$55 per team member, and includes green and cart fees, beer and soda, a meal following the event and prize money. The meal will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall; prize money and door prizes will be given out at that time.

For more information, call Larry Petri at 931-9234 or Chad Lignoul at 452-3339 or 797-6257.

Golf scramble

The eighth annual Allsup Classic, a golf tour-

nament benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Illinois, will be Aug. 24 at St. Olaf Country Club in Belleville.

There will be a shotgun start at noon with a box lunch on the course. Dinner and awards will follow tournament play. The tournament is a four-person scramble with numerous prizes.

The entry fee is \$150 per person. For more information, call the Big Brothers Big Sisters at 398-3162.

Golf Classic

Kids Under Twenty One and the St. Louis Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association have scheduled the third annual Tee It Up for Teens Golf Classic for Aug. 24 at Stone Wall Golf Course in Maryland Heights.

The shotgun scramble will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Golfers will have the opportunity to meet and play golf with St. Louis baseball greats Bob Forsch, Whitey Herzog, Al Hrabosky, Greg Mathews, Scott Terry and many other favorites.

Individual entry fee is \$275 per player.

For information, call 963-7571.

Golf tourney

The Waterloo High School Boys basketball team Boosters Club is having a four-person scramble Aug. 22 at the Ridge Golf Course.

The cost is \$55 per person or \$220 per foursome.

The scramble is limited to 36 foursomes.

For information, contact Steve Nason (939-4893) or the Ridge Pro Shop (939-4646).

Hunting notes

Bow hunting for deer at Horseshoe Lake will be by permit only.

Permits are available at the park office, and will be accepted Aug. 1-31.

For more information, call the Horseshoe Lake State Park office at (618) 931-0270.

Dove season is Sept. 1-30 at Horseshoe Lake State Park.

The first five days are by permit only.

Starting Sept. 6, a daily drawing will be conducted to fill out the hunting quota.

Only non-toxic shells may be used at this site.

•Tri-City

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Dickerman moving into second and Pat Ryan in third.

B.J. Seets dominated the Mountain Dew Shootout, leading every lap en route to his fourth win of the year. The win stretches his points lead to 58 over Rich Squires. Chasing Squires across the line were Andy Mellenthin, Squires, Jeff Parnell and Dale Glover.

Squires, Mellenthin and Dale Reynolds took

the qualifiers, with Max Kirkendall winning the semi.

Rick L. Stevenson hopped into a borrowed car and won his first career Quaker State Sportsmen feature at Tri-City, beating Joe Hall in Maryville. One of his former players also returned to return. Admission is \$10. Tickets are on sale at the Bogue Redmon Insurance Agency, 405 St. Louis Road and at Your Insurance Agency (Pat Darling), 208 E. Main St.

Fletcher to be honored

Legendary Collinsville High School coach Vergil Fletcher will be the guest of honor 7-10 p.m. Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Maryville. One of his former players also returned to return. Admission is \$10. Tickets are on sale at the Bogue Redmon Insurance Agency, 405 St. Louis Road and at Your Insurance Agency (Pat Darling), 208 E. Main St.

•Tennis

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year," he said. "Aaron Jackstadt and I took third in the Prairie State Games. I don't really play singles anymore. I don't feel like working that hard."

"I'm also the assistant boys tennis coach at Granite City. I help out over there. That might work into a coaching position somewhere."

In addition to the men's titles, the tournament featured competition for the 12-and-under boys group. Charlie Asadian beat Ryan Harrington in the final of the 12-and-under boys group. Ryan's brother, T.J. Harrington, beat Paul Reiter in the 11-and-under boys singles. Andy Ronk and Matt Pistorius beat Asadian and Kyle Carpenter to win the 14-and-under doubles.

We have a pretty small women's draw," said Jackstadt. "There were only two girls' entries, and they tried to call some people to play."

"Most of the girls in the area just play tennis play for WTA teams, and I think they had an inter-club at the same time. It's all right, though."

Trophies for first and second place winners from this week will be presented at the Wilson Park Sports Banquet in October.

•Hitting

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"I've been playing baseball since I was 5," says Dustin Murphy, a senior on the varsity baseball team at Granite City who doesn't think that baseball influenced his swing. "I look up to the guy, though. We play home run derby in the cages. We're like, 'This is how we do it.'

Baseball doesn't have a monopoly of influence on the younger set. Woods routinely makes mincemeat out of long passes, reaching them easily in two.

"We are starting to see younger kids playing golf," says Hutter. "Parents drop off their teenagers, or stay with the younger ones. Everyone wants to play golf lately."

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Event recognizes those who served

This is "Bear" — Bear, a 1-year-old black chow, is awaiting adoption at the Collinsville Animal Shelter, 298 Simpson Place. He is good with kids. For information on adopting Bear (98-8-007) or another dog or cat, call 346-5213.



Maxine Green

The Pontoon Baptist Church recently presented a special Recognition of the Armed Forces during the Sunday morning worship service.

Service flags were given to those present and to relatives of men who were honored. They included:

Army — The Rev. Alan Redfern; Michael Davis, Michael Dunnington, Daniel McBride, all who served in Vietnam; Edgar A. Thomas in the Korean conflict; and Edgar A. Thomas Jr. in Desert Storm. Army — Robert Bruce, Korean conflict; Harold McBride, World War II; and David Moore, Vietnam;

Air Force — Jim Stamper, Robert French and Clint Potter, all in Vietnam; George Haynes Sr. in Korean conflict; Navy — Louis Byrd, Jr., Carl, stationed in World War II; Ken Fuller, Tom Shoemaker in Vietnam; and John James in World War I. Also, Bennie Gene Smith, Marines, Vietnam, son of Betty Jo Smith.

Those who lost their lives during active duty included: Timmy Johnson, World War I; great-uncle of David Moore; Don White and Von White, Pearl Harbor, uncles of David Moore; Ron Hawks and David Brooks, both cousins of David Moore; Charles Gaston, World War II, uncle of Donald Boswell; Raymond Frost and Lee Frost, World War II, brothers of Ben Frost; Dale and Roger Frost, World War II, father of Lula Frost; James McIntosh, World War I, father of Sylvia Massman; David McIntosh, Korean conflict; and Charles McIntosh, World War II, brothers of Sylvia Massman; and Harold Drennen Umphrey, World War II, brother of Betty Jo Smith.

Carl was celebrating his retirement from McDonnell Douglas-Boeing after 27 years, and Carla Cragg was celebrating her birthday.

A buffet was served to approximately 45 guests. A pool party and fireworks followed.

The party was given by Carl, Tony and Ryan Crow; Jo Elaine, Russell, Dustin and Emily Knight; Heath Rutowski; Marc, Robin, Joshua and Rachel Maciosi; Cathy, Doug and Kristin McDaniel; Anna, Rafael, Cole and Yesenia Ruiz; and Julie and Phil Morris.

Both Carl and Carla received many good and good wishes.

Although most people are members of the military from local hospitals, birth announcements may be sent to the newspaper at: Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City IL 62040.



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Also remembered was the late Daniel Bruce Smith, World War II, prisoner of war, brother of Betty Jo Smith.

A combined retirement and 40th birthday party was given at 2 p.m. July 4 at the home of Carl and Jo Ann Maciosi in Granite City.

Six youths — Robert Clyborn, Robert Shipley, Shelly Keller, Melissa Owens and Andrew and Joann Craig all from Pontoon Baptist Church

went to Binghamton, N.Y., on a mission trip, where they restored an 1860 abandoned church building in Doraville, Ga.

Frank and Dianna Bickel accompanied the group.

They scraped, cleaned and painted the building inside and out, readying it for worship services. They also learned enough that as there was no electricity, no water and no indoor or outdoor facilities. They couldn't use any power tools on jobs like scraping paint and hauling water and supplies.

At the end of the day, they drove back to Binghamton for a good night's rest in their sleeping bags on the floor of a basement room. The Association is converting into a place where folks can spend the night when visiting the association.

Both Carl and Carla received many good and good wishes.

A fourth of July theme featured white lights and red, white and blue balloons, which were abundant on both decks and shrubs.

The Home League Ladies of Salvation Army met in the Salvation Army Hall on Tuesday and celebrated the birthday of everyone who had a birthday in the past three months. Maxine Rutter had charge of the party. She led several games. Several gifts were awarded.

She also read a story on how much better a person feels to help someone. Prayers were said for the sick and those in the nursing homes. Cards were sent to the homebound. Lunch, consisting of several salads, meat, fruit, pizza, upside down cake and vegetables dishes was enjoyed by Jo Wilkins, 92 years; Rutter; Marie Verbruck; Evelyn Howell; Velma Hahn; Elizabeth Griffin; Darlene Robinson; Wilma Arnold; Christine DeLoach; Thelma Howard; Evelyn White; Edna Miles; Josephine Bodie; Birdie Meyenburg; Cleo Slusher; Gladys Freeman; Wilma Arnold; Nina Hill; Kim Robinson; Leisa Griffin; Kim Griffin; Norma McCaughan; Roxanne Marie Jawger; Cecilia Wright; Vistoria Legge; Mildred Lovejoy; Mary Mize; and Myrtle Foster.

The Doraville congregation will have the building restored and hold the first service in it on Sept. 13, with a fellowship dinner following.

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Seniors sought for competition

Men and women who are age 50 as of Sept. 1 are eligible to compete in the Southeastern Senior National Senior Olympics, which will be in September. No previous athletic qualifications are required.

Anne Keefe, PremierPlus spokesperson and St. Louis media personality, will serve as game master. NFL Hall of Famer Jackie Smith, marketing director and head of community and public relations for the Casino Queen, will be chairwoman of the spelling bee.

Participants will compete in three-on-three half-court basketball; 50-, 100- and 200-meter dash; 400-, 800-, 1,500- and 5,000-meter run; 1,500-meter walk; basketball free throw; billiards; bowling; casting; cycling; disc golf; men's and women's footbal accuracy throw; football distance throw; Frisbee distance throw; golf; golf putting; high jump; horseshoes; mini-

goal; running long jump; shot put (men and women); shuffleboard singles; softball accuracy throw; softball distance throw; softball tournament (men and women); spelling bee; swimming (various events); table tennis; tennis doubles; tennis singles; volleyball and tennis singles.

In addition to the event competition, a dinner/dance will be held at the Eden Village Apartment Community for participants. Reservations are required.

The Senior Olympics will kick-off Sept. 1 with a spelling bee aboard the Casino Queen, docked in East St. Louis.

The other events will be Sept. 10-14 at various Metro East sites, including South at Edwardsville; University Center at Edwardsville; University Center and Vadala Center; Casino Queen; Tamarack Golf Course in Shiloh; Kettle River Racquet Club in Glen Carbon; Eden Village Apartment Community

in Glen Carbon; Montclair Bowl in Edwardsville; Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville; St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights; Knights of Columbus Bowl in Alton; Knights of Columbus Bowl in Edwardsville; Ball Park Sports Center in O'Fallon; and Belleville Area College's Belleville Campus.

Registrations are being taken now.

Dinner/dance is Friday.

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to winners in each age and gender category. For the spelling bee, awards will be given to the top 10 contestants overall, not in each age division. All participants and volunteers receive commemorative T-shirts.

Registration fee ranges from \$16 to \$23 depending on the number of events participants choose to enter.

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